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There has been a lot of activity on the Capitol Complex in preparation for the 2007 legislative session. Below is a highlight of some of the changes taking place in and around the Capitol Building.

Parking

- Effective January 8, 2007, parallel street parking will be available in designated locations on the following streets on the Capitol Complex:
 - East Walnut Street between Kasson and East 14th Street
 - Finkbine south of East Walnut
 - Dey Street between East Walnut and East Court
 - East 12th Street between East Walnut and Des Moines Street
 - East 13th Street between East Walnut and East Grand
- Street parking will not be available between 7 – 8:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. (This restriction will be temporarily lifted when some of the Complex parking lots are being repaired and repaved in the spring.)
- Please look for the signs indicating where street parking is allowed. Do not park on the street unless there is a sign indicating that parking is allowed in that area.
- Street parking spots are for parallel parking only.
- Parking lots 7 & 8, which were directly west of the Capitol Building, have been removed to make way for the West Capitol Terrace project, Phase I of which should be completed by June 2007. Commuters who used those lots may either park in the newly designated street spaces listed above or in the parking structure on East Grand and Pennsylvania. A map of all parking lots on the Capitol Complex is available at <http://das.gse.iowa.gov/images/parking3.pdf>.

State House Cafeteria

- The Capitol Building's cafeteria has been moved to an enclosed area in the northwest wing of the ground floor of the Capitol.
- Diners will now enter through the south set of doors and have several options of where to go for food: the deli line, hot food line, salad bar, or pick up 'grab 'n' go' items from the refrigerated cases. There is a central beverage station with coffee and fountain pop, and around the perimeter of the room are refrigerated cases of juice, bottled pop and water, and other drink and food options.
- Diners exit through the north set of doors, paying on the way out. The dining area in the center of the Capitol's ground floor has been expanded to include additional seating.

Capitol Mail Boxes & Press Room

- The mail boxes have been moved to an alcove off of West Corridor C07 on the ground floor.
- The press room is now located in Room G07.2 in the west corridor of the ground floor, just beyond the mail boxes.

Evacuation & Safety Improvements in the Capitol Building

- Additional exit signs and new evacuation route maps have been posted throughout the Capitol. Please know where to exit in case of an emergency.
- Eleven areas of refuge have been designated on the second and third floors of the Capitol. (View a map at <http://das.gse.iowa.gov/safety/emergency/CapitolEvacuation.pdf>) Areas of refuge are places for individuals with disabilities to go to and wait for rescue personnel in the event of an emergency or evacuation of the building. Call buttons are located in these areas to contact emergency personnel.
- The north elevator in the Capitol has been replaced and is now operational.

If you have any questions or comments please contact the DAS Customer Service Center at 515-242-5120.